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Skeletal remains found in Diamondhead

Officials say they may be those of man who was reported missing in 2008



Hancock County Coroner Jim Faulk on examines human skeletal remains discovered in Diamondhead on Friday. Although it has not been confirmed by DNA testing, officials believe the bones may be those of Ward Buel, who was reported missing in 2008.

Photo by Stacey Cato



Hancock County Coroner Jim Faulk and Deputy Coroner Melissa Taillon at the scene.

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BY STACEY CATO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A human skull was found in the woods between two Diamondhead homes on Friday, leading to more remains, officials say, which may be those of a man who disappeared more than 11 years ago. Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam said an adjoining property owner discovered the skull Friday morning while walking through a lightly wooded path about 200 feet from the roadway on Apua Street off Kapalama Drive.

HCSO investigators arrived at the scene and secured a small area with yellow crime scene tape, Adam said. They then contacted the Mississippi Bureau of Investigations, which sent members of its forensics crime scene team down to assist. Several bones and what are believed to be the man's personal belongings were found lying on the ground just below a small pile of leaves and dirt. Among the personal belongings were a hat, a pair of grey tennis shoes and a silver wrist watch. The neighbor had also

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State superintendent visits BWSD for the first time during 'Celebration of Excellence' tour

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Mississippi State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carey Wright on Monday came to the Bay-Waveland School District



Photo by Cassandra Favre

At left, BWSD Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed accepts an award from Mississippi State Superintendent Dr. Carey Wright in recognition of the district's 'A' rating.

to congratulate the students and teachers for earning an "A" rating. The district hosted a ceremony for the occasion, which was attended by several local officials and the entire student body. Richard Bennett, who serves in the House of Representatives representing District 120 and serves as chairman of Education, also congratulated the students on earning an "A" high performance accountability rating. "This is a huge occasion that requires celebration," he said. "I know that an 'A' rating doesn't happen by accident. It is a result of innovative leaders, excel-

lent teachers, and hard-working students. I applaud every teacher and student in the school district for earning this rating. Each of you is exceptional. As Chairman of the House of Education, I believe that providing the best public education to all Mississippi children puts us at the greatest place for economic development." BWSD Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed recognized students in the district who scored a perfect score on one of the state's assessments. Mason Bosarge, a fifth-grader at North Bay Elementary and one of the students who earned a per-

fect score, introduced Wright. Wright told students that they need to be "very, very proud of achieving an 'A' rating." "In fact, this is the first year that I will have come to Bay St. Louis and Waveland to present this award," Wright said. Wright said BWSD is one of 31 districts in the state that earned an "A." "That's significant," she said. "We have 145 districts and you are one of 31 that earned this distinction. Those of you that are students know that earning an 'A' is a bragging point. Because wherever you go, in the community or not,

when you tell people that you are from the BWSD, you are sending a message that you are attending the very best school that Mississippi has to offer." Wright told the students that it "takes a great education to get anywhere in this world, to be able to do whatever is that you want to do." "Children such as you who are getting this outstanding education, that is going to put you on a different trajectory in life than children who are not," she said. "And it's my job as the state superintendent to

make sure that everybody is getting a good education." Wright also told the students some of the determining factors for the "A" rating, which includes: Ensuring all children are excelling in ELA, math, science, and social studies; students' growth from year to year; and if students are graduating on time. Wright said the state also checks to see if districts are working with students who need the most and providing opportuni-

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Photo by Cassandra Favre

Mississippi State Superintendent Dr. Carey Wright speaks to the students during a Celebration of Excellence at the Bay High School football field.

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OLA art students complete Clermont Harbor mural

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Students from Our Lady Academy's National Art Honor Society on Sunday completed the second half of the mural at the corner of Ioor Avenue and South

Beach Boulevard in Clermont Harbor.

Craig Clement, president of the Clermont Harbor Association, said Monday that "what was done yesterday was a complement to last week."

"There is more detailed work with fish and crabs,"

he said. "It explains what Clermont Harbor is about."

Clement added that the students were "thrilled at the outcome."

Since 2005's Hurricane Katrina, Clement said, Clermont Harbor has been "slow coming back."

He said he hopes beauti-

fication projects such as this will encourage people to "want to be here."

The following students participated in the Clermont Harbor mural project under the guidance of OLA's art teacher Amanda Bush: Kaylee Hardenstein, Faith

Anderson, Grace Bradford, Suzie Brown, Sydney Burrell, Devin Graham, Alma Hearin, Sydney Hotard, Nadia Karamt, Lillie Lawhead, Emma Lee Nehlig, Hannah Roth, Morgan Roth, Sofia Sanchez, Ella Taylor, Savannah Templeton, Abby Whaley, Claire

Whitney, Taylor Wypyski, and Gabby Vince.

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OLA art students on Sunday completed the mural at the corner of Ioor Avenue and South Beach Boulevard in Clermont Harbor.

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ties to advanced course-work.

Wright also told students that BWSD was the "only district in the state to improve from a 'C' rating to an 'A' in one year" and that Bay High School is ranked 10th in the state.

"You know students, I'm incredibly proud of you and it's obvious that you have worked so hard and I'm here to tell you keep working hard," Wright said. "The harder you work, the more opportunities are going to come your way." Wright said that students need to know they are "changing education in Mississippi."

"You are rewriting the history of education in Mississippi," Wright said. "You are making faster progress than almost every other state in the nation. This is a great time to be involved in education in Mississippi. Student achievement in Mississippi



Photo by Cassandra Favre

Fifth-grader Mason Bosarge introduced Dr. Carey Wright.

is at an all-time high, we have never been here before."

Reed accepted an award from Wright.

"There are a lot of accolades and a lot of recognitions taking place down here on the field, but really, at the end of the day, most of those belong to you (students)," Reed said. "You guys are the ones that go in under a lot of stress and have to take assessments over and over. And I just want you to know how

much we appreciate the fact that you always do

your best and that you realize how important education is to you."

Fourth-grader Javien Thompson said it feels "great" to be an "A" district.

"Yesterday's celebration was good, fun, and it means you're a good school," he said.

Thompson said his favorite part of the program was when Wright called out his school's (NBE) name.

Fourth-grader Elizabeth Vaughan said she was happy and surprised that the district earned an "A."

"My favorite part was seeing Dr. Wright give Ms. Reed a reward," she said.



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The Bay High High School band performs during the Celebration of Excellence event.

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Nickolas A. Cooper, 33, contempt of court failure to appear
Michael Lopresto, 28, probation violation
William F. Caddell, 50, exploitation of children; possession of child pornography
Bret D. Foreman, 46, contracting without a license
Wayne M. Bryant, 53, speeding, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle, DUI 1st offense
Jaime R. Bobbitt, 42, simple assault
Paul A. Smith, 34, contempt of court failure to appear
Vernon J. Smith, 31, possession of paraphernalia, felony possession of controlled substance
Taylor J. Marquar, 22, receiving stolen property, grand larceny x 2
Drake T. Grimsely, 25, DUI 1st offense, probation violation
Marc S. Cutter, 48, contempt of court failure to appear
Cecily L. Stockstill, 22, grand larceny, hold for other agency
Stacy M. Simmons, 42, felony possession of controlled substance
Jamaal S. Terry, 40, pos-

session of paraphernalia
Michael Nettles, 60, A&D program
Javed Thompson, 26, A&D program
Shawn M. Bilbo, 30, possession of weapon by felon
Jarrod Jordan, 32, A&D program
Jeremy Daniel, 38, A&D program
Gregory Rhone, 50, A&D program
Brooks T. Adams, 39, grand larceny
Marshall S. Blosser, 50, contempt of court failure to appear
Jacqueline N. Peralta, 43, contempt failure to comply x 2
Christina M. Blackwell, 48, contempt failure to appear, simple assault
Brittany N. Champagne, 31, contempt failure to appear
Pamela T. Jacobo, 55, simple assault
Robert Forster, 36, contempt of court failure to appear, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, felony possession of controlled substance
Wayne A. Landry, 46, simple assault x 2
Aaliyah R. McKee, 21, simple assault
Dameon N. Cuevas, 36, hold MDOC
Vanessa Ritchie, 31, contempt of court failure to appear x 2, contempt failure to pay x 2
Tuan A. Truong, 46, DUI 2nd conviction, hold for other agency
James D. Qualls, 24, probation violation
Dorothy N. Cook, 49, contempt failure to appear
Marvin E. Story, 64, speeding, DUI 1st offense

Alvin J. McGuire, 35, driving while license privilege cancelled, suspended, or revoked
Nicholas M. Dowden, 22, contempt failure to appear, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, contempt failure to comply
Michael V. Mones Jr., 51, contempt failure to appear
Destin L. Davis, 22, hold PTS inmate
William G. Powers, 40, hold PTS inmate
Andrew D. Thomas, 33, hold PTS inmate
Richard W. Hinson, 38, hold PTS inmate
Pierce E. Chapman, 30, hold PTS inmate
Jason W. Lang, 28, hold PTS inmate
Hope Ostertag, 49, hold PTS inmate
Anne J. Brown, 34, hold PTS inmate
Charles T. Tarver Jr., 41, contempt of court failure to appear x 5
Michael L. Dietrich, 54, simple assault,, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Bobbi-Jo M. McSwain, 30, failure to stop motor vehicle
Christina D. Ibarra, 40, contempt failure to comply
Phillip F. Ory, 36, contempt of court failure to appear
Jeffery A. Brown, 40, contempt of court failure to appear
Chaquella L. James, 29, contempt failure to comply
Daniel G. Adams Jr., 42, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle, contempt of court failure to appear
Lisa M. Adam, contempt of court failure to appear
Jordan L. Delcuze, 32, possession of paraphernalia
Thomas C. Foss, 48, possession of paraphernalia
Marilu A. Titus, 42, sim-

ple assault
William M. LaFrance, 51, simple assault
Gary S. Jenkins, 67, contempt of court failure to appear
Samuel D. Seals, 26, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Glen R. Northrup, 20, contempt of court failure to appear
Felix M. Aguilar, 45, touching child under 18 for lustful purposes by person in trust x 2, statutory rape, sexual battery x 2, incest, contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a child; felonious abuse and/or battery of a child
Martinez J. Brooks, 37, DUI:other substance
James N. Smith Jr., 35, contempt failure to appear, disorderly conduct, resisting/obstructing arrest, no insurance
Bruce J. Dietrich, 32, contempt of court failure to appear
Alan D. Kuhnau, 38, speeding, reckless driving, no drivers license
Blake D. Laneri, 18, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Eugene G. Toler, 20, contempt of court failure to appear
Damon L. Schulz, 25, drunkenness/profanity in public place, resisting/obstructing arrest
Christopher P. Jimison Jr., 21, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Geb F. Fricke, 22, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Stephen L. Edge, 30, possession of paraphernalia, driving with suspended or revoked license
Kodie L. Bounds, careless driving x 2, driving with suspended or revoked license, no insurance, possession of paraphernalia, no child restraints x 2, failure

to yield to blue lights, contempt failure to appear x 2, contempt failure to comply
Sampson R. Smith, 46, false identifying information x 2, possession of paraphernalia, burglary x 2, contempt failure to appear
Allen-Michael W. Bryan, 26, contempt failure to appear x 2
Thomas W. Kapp, 29, contempt failure to appear
Nicholas C. Johnson, 39, disorderly conduct
Donald J. Carver III, 31, probation violation
George W. Jones III, 38, contempt of court failure to appear
Amanda A. Tanguis, 29, contempt failure to appear x 3
Holly A. Averett, 39, disorderly conduct, felony possession of controlled substance
Joseph D. Sonnier, 30, armed robbery, controlled substance: to sell, barter, transfer, manufacture distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense; parole violation
Chace M. Lapniewski, 23, simple assault
Kelli L. Singleton, 31, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams)
Ryan G. Necaise, 30, possession of paraphernalia
Ashley G. Spencer, 37, simple assault
John A. Ingulia, 29, possession of paraphernalia
Anthony Cuccia III, 56, contempt failure to appear
Dawn M. Moore, 45, contempt failure to appear
Micael J. Pickett, 27, DUI:other substance
Joshua I. Jimenez, 30, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams)
Christopher A. Meyers, 35, contempt failure to appear x 2

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It's election time again

Mississippi's general election is scheduled for next Tuesday, Nov. 5

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

It's almost time to vote again -- the general election is scheduled next Tuesday, Nov. 5. Hancock County polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Absentee voting began in September and will continue through this Saturday, Nov. 2, for Mississippi and Hancock County's 2019 general election.

"Absentee voting is allowed from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Hancock County Circuit Clerk's Office," a deputy clerk said this week. "We will also be open on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 8-12."

Any legally-registered Hancock County voter over age 65 or any registered voter who is planning to be out of town on Nov. 5 is eligible to cast an absentee ballot.

This year's election will include Hancock County and statewide races.

Many of the county contests have already been effectively settled, since there are no Democratic or third-party candidates in those races.

Unopposed candidates in this year's general election -- all Republicans -- include Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar; Circuit Clerk nominee Kendra "KK" Ladner Necaise; Sheriff Ricky Adam; Tax Collector/Assessor Jimmie Ladner; District 3 Supervisor nominee Kodie Koenenn; District 5 Supervisor Darrin "Bo" Ladner; Justice Court Judge 1 Desmond W. Hoda; Constable Place 1 Terry L. Necaise; Constable Place 2 Ray Seal, Jr.; and Bay-Waveland municipal

School District Trustee Mike Bell.

However, several other positions have yet to be settled.

Incumbent District 1 Supervisor David Yarborough, an Independent, will face Republican challenger Theresa Ryan and Democratic candidate Jefferson "Buster" Verdin IV.

Incumbent District 2 Supervisor Greg Shaw, a Republican, will face independent candidate Henry Ward in the November General Election.

Incumbent District 4 Supervisor Scotty Adam, who ran unopposed in the Republican primary, will face Democratic candidate Thaddeus Collier in November.

In the Justice Court Place 2 race, Republican nominee Brian S. Necaise will face Independent candidate Teresa Ehrlich in the November general election.

In the Justice Court Judge Place 3, Republican nominee Eric C. Moran will square off against Libertarian candidate Lynn Smith.

For Constable Place 3, Republican nominee Paul Taylor will compete against Democratic candidate Steven L. Saucier and Independent candidate Guy "Tater" Graham in November.

There's also a race for the Mississippi House of Representatives, House District 122 Rep. David Baria's seat. Baria did not run for reelection. Former Bay St. Louis City Councilwoman Wendy McDonald, a Democrat, will square off against Waveland Building and Public Works Director Brent Anderson, Republican, in that race.

The ballot will also include all state offices,

including races for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general and more.

Other important information for Election Day includes:

Absentee Voting

Deadlines: The in-person absentee voting deadline is Saturday, Nov.2. The deadline to vote by mail is Monday, Nov.r 4, and circuit clerk's offices must be in actual receipt of the absentee ballot by 5 p.m.

UOCAVA voters, including service members deployed outside their county of residence, must absentee vote by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Polling Place

Location: A polling place locator is available on the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ms.gov/PollingPlace/Pages/default.aspx. A sample ballot specific to the voter's polling place is located on the Polling Place Locator website.

Voter Photo ID:

Voters are required to show photo identification at the polls. A voter without an acceptable form of photo identification is entitled to cast an affidavit ballot. An affidavit ballot may be counted if the voter provides an acceptable

able form of photo identification to the circuit clerk's office within five business days after the election. For more information, visit www.msvoterID.ms.gov.

Campaigning: It is unlawful to campaign for any candidate within 150 feet of any entrance to a polling place, unless on private property.

Loitering: The polling places should be clear for 30 feet from every entrance of all people except elections officials, voters waiting to vote, or authorized poll watchers.

Camera Phones: Voters are prohibited from taking pictures of their marked ballot.

For more information about State election laws or Election Day information, visit Y'all Vote, www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov, or call the Elections Division Hotline at (601) 576-2550 or 1-800-829-6786.

General Election Day 2019 is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5, with any needed runoff elections scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26.

For more information, contact Hancock County Circuit Clerk Karen Ruhr's office at 228-467-5265.

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Never too old

There's one annual event that I'm always excited to cover and it's the Hancock County Senior Citizen Prom.

To be honest, I wasn't that excited about my junior and senior prom in high school.

I didn't have bad experiences. The first year, I went with two of my girl friends, even after having my forehead mauled right before the big dance in a car accident.

My senior prom was also memorable. During that school year, I met Christian, an exchange student from Germany.

Our family adopted him and took him everywhere with us.

One day during school, much to my surprise, he got down on his knee and asked me to prom during a class change in the hallways.

It's something I won't forget and I'm glad he was here to make my senior year more special.

The senior citizen prom is almost magical to me.

I really don't think I stop smiling during the whole event. (Which is quite rare for me considering Wednesday Addams is one of my idols)

And there are also several moments where tears of joy escape my eyes when I see the expressions of pure joy on the seniors' faces.

Senior Jimmie Scott told me that "Life doesn't stop because you're a senior, there's still enjoyment to be had until you can't go no more."

I love that quote and it also makes me think about how much more I should be out there enjoying life as a more able-bodied person in my 30s.

The seniors put me to shame.

There is nothing more inspiring than watching the seniors line dance to a popular song, slow dance with a friend, or laugh hysterically at something someone said.

I'm also impressed with the students from St. Stanislaus and Our Lady Academy.

Not only do they work hard serving, but they also dance and interact with the seniors.

It's a great learning experience for them. There is so much to be learned from our senior community and I'm glad they get this opportunity.

For seniors that live alone and/or have no family left to speak of, the prom provides a perfect opportunity for socialization and a reminder that life does not end once you reach a certain age.

As I type this column, I'm reminded of a quote from one of my favorite movies, "Steel Magnolias."

"Miss Clairee, there are still good times to be," Shelby Eatenton Latcherie.

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Staff Column

By **Cassandra Favre**

State elections next week

State Elections are just around the corner, November 5. It will be interesting to see if the Republican Party can continue dominating Mississippi politics despite population stagnation and weak economic growth compared to the rest of the nation.

The kooky, radical left-wing proposals of the current crop of Presidential Democratic candidates are not helping their Mississippi colleagues, most of whom tend to be far more conservative.

Such is one of the pitfalls of the two-party system operating on a national and state level. The current two-party system is very competitive nationally, with control constantly shifting back and forth. But it often leads to one-party domination at the state level. The Democratic Party's domination of California is one example. The Republican Party's domination of Mississippi is another.

Competition is the key to progress, so I hate to see one party dominate. I



Guest Opinion

by **Wyatt Emmerich**
Publisher of
Northside Sun

didn't like it when the Democratic Party had an ironclad hold over the Mississippi government, and I don't particularly like the current Republican domination. George Washington said political parties would be a curse on the nation, and I see what he meant.

When the Democrats dominated, we got a lot of red ink, runaway government spending and some small crony deals like the beef plant. The Republicans have done a

great job of balancing the budget, but now the roads are falling apart, our prisons are run by gangs and the crony deals like the Kemper power plant, Kior, Yokohama, Continental and the tourism retail sales scam (to name just a few) make the Democrats look downright naive.

That was not the kind of "business friendly" many of us had in mind when we supported the Republicans in the first place.

In the end, Mississippians are going to vote for the opposition if they aren't happy with the way things are going. If the Republicans sweep yet again, then it will indicate that voters are feeling pretty good about things. I just hope Mississippi voters can separate the national Democratic looniness from our statewide candidates who are far more practical. It's not fair to the many decent Mississippi Democratic candidates to judge them based on the national left-wing looniness that is being popularized in the

national media.

As usual, I will not issue the typical exhortation to go vote. If you aren't interested in politics, stay home. An uneducated, random vote is worse than no vote. As the old saying goes, you may not be interested in politics, but politics is very interested in you. Educate yourselves about the candidates. Take just an hour or two to read the resumes of the candidates. This is so easy to do in the age of the internet.

The Attorney General's race is for an open seat – the first time this has happened in decades now that former AG Jim Hood is running for governor. This is the one statewide position that has stayed Democratic over the years.

Hood has brought home the bacon - he claims \$3 billion - by using his office to join other AGs around the nation in big lawsuits against national companies accused of doing

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Equal pay for women

Mississippi has a rich cultural history. We are the birthplace of some of the best writers, artists, and musicians in the world. Most of American popular music can trace its roots to right here in the Magnolia State. Many world renowned athletes, scholars, and entrepreneurs are from right here. We are the most church going and charitable state in the nation. We lead the way in shipbuilding, space technology, furniture manufacturing, and the production of automobiles. We have much to celebrate and much to be proud of as Mississippians.

Additionally, we have in many areas made great progress from our turbulent past. The shortcomings in our state's past are

Guest Opinion

by **Tupelo Mayor**
Jason Shelton

undeniable and we can only strive to work together to make sure that the present and the future are better than the past.

It is long past time for us to work together as Mississippians to make our great state a wonderful place for every Mississippian where we all have the same opportunities to create better lives for ourselves and our families.

One thing that can be done sooner rather than later to help move us forward is for the State of Mississippi to finally pass equal pay for women legislation. Currently, we are

the only state in the entire United States of America that has failed to pass an equal pay law. This is a failure of leadership. This failure to act by our current leaders makes it more difficult to recruit business and industry to Mississippi. The failure to act by our current leaders decreases the likelihood that major national and international employers will want to call Mississippi home.

As reported in a January 2018 Clarion Ledger article: "[a]ccording to The Gender Wage Gap in Mississippi, a paper published in December 2016 by the University Research Center in Jackson, women in Mississippi earn 27 percent less than men in the state. Annually, women in Mississippi earn \$9,600 a year less than men in the

state."

There has been a lot of bi-partisan support for the passage of such an act. State Representative Tracy Arnold, who is a Republican and a pastor from Booneville, has fought for this legislation to be passed in the Mississippi House of Representatives. Republican Attorney General Candidate Lynn Fitch has been a vocal advocate of the passage of such legislation, which is also supported by her opponent, Ms. Jennifer Riley-Collins, a Democrat.

Both of the candidates for Lt. Governor, Rep. Jay Hughes and Sec. Delbert Hosemann, support equal pay for women legislation.

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MS Court of Appeals confirms Oren Lewis' conviction for capital murder

BY GEOFF BELCHER
NEWS EDITOR

The Mississippi Court of Appeals this week affirmed the conviction of a Hancock County man who was found guilty in 2017 for the capital murder of his two-year-old daughter.

After a three-day trial, Oren Lewis was convicted on June 16, 2017, for the death of his 23-month-old daughter, Ma'Leah Grace Bush. Ma'Leah was injured on Aug. 25, 2013, and died two days later at Children's Hospital in New Orleans. Lewis was not indicted for the crime until 2015.

During the trial in Hancock County Circuit

Court, jurors heard a recording of the 911 call reporting Grace's injuries; and testimony from a Waveland police officer, a paramedic and the emergency room nurse at Hancock Medical Center who treated the girl when she was first brought in.

All three witnesses said the child's injuries were severe and the result of obvious abuse. Lewis's explanation for her injuries during trial was that he "heard two thumps ... went into the room (and) found her kind of half-on and half-off the bed."

After the jury found Lewis guilty, Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Bourgeois sentenced him to life imprisonment without eli-

gibility for parole.

On June 23, 2017, Lewis filed an unsuccessful post-trial motion requesting an acquittal or, alternatively, a new trial, before taking the case to the state Court of Appeals.

According to the appeals court's decision handed down on Tuesday, "Finding no error, we affirm Lewis's conviction and sentence."

In the affirmation, the court wrote, "We also acknowledge that, under the plain language of (Mississippi statutes), Lewis's capital murder, or homicide, conviction made him ineligible for parole. As such, the circuit court statutorily had no choice but to sentence him to life

without eligibility for parole. We therefore find no abuse of discretion in the circuit court's sentence of life without eligibility for parole without a jury hearing."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY's** Monthly Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 @ 4:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held at our **NEW LOCATION** at the **City of Bay St. Louis Board Room @ 598 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.**

Bingo benefit set for next Friday for local veteran

SEA COAST ECHO

American Legion Post 77 of Waveland is partnering with Armorbearers, a veterans' assistance group based in Pass Christian, to host a bingo benefit on Friday, Nov. 8, to raise funds to help a local vet.

Proceeds will go direct-

ly to the construction of disabled veteran Jack Walker's new handicapped-accessible home.

The event is scheduled to take place at Legion Post 77, 503 Waveland Ave.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. Warm-ups at 6:30 p.m.; Early Birds at 7 p.m.; and regular games at 7:30 p.m.

Food and beverages will

be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$20 each, which will include a pack of 10 games. Other games will be available for purchase.

For more information, contact American Legion Post 77 at 228-467-9637 or bing@legionpost77ms.org; or Armorbearers at 228-596-3025 or veterans@armorbearers.org.

Equal

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In the race for governor, Attorney General Jim Hood unequivocally supports equal pay for women legislation.

Lt. Gov. Tate Reeves is the only candidate among the candidates for Attorney General, Lt. Governor, or Governor who opposes equal pay for women. During his eight years as Lt. Governor Tate Reeves

has killed nine equal pay bills and four bills that would have established an Equal Pay Day.

Equal pay for equal work is legally and morally the right thing. It is difficult to imagine a scenario where one could justify opposing legislation that would make it illegal under state law to pay a woman less than a man for the same work.

Sometimes doing the right thing is easy and supporting legislation to guarantee equal pay for women is one of those things. It is the right thing morally, legally, and economically.

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wrong. These types of lawsuits have gotten a lot of criticism for being opportunistic and abusive. Hood has been criticized for using his plaintiffs' attorney buddies to represent the state and make millions in the process.

It will be interesting to see what happens to Mississippi's participation in these national AG lawsuits if Republican Lynn Fitch, the current state treasurer, wins the AG's office. Three billion is a lot of money. Fitch does not mention this very important issue in her campaign literature.

Fitch has diligently plowed the Republican political fields over the years and will probably be rewarded for her hard work. She has a typical Republican platform: pro-guns, anti-crime, anti-outsiders. Interesting that she makes no mention of abortion in her platform, although she is endorsed by the Right to Life folks.

Fitch is a solid, experienced Republican stalwart. No surprises there. She won't rock the boat.

Fitch's opponent is Jennifer Riley Collins, a retired intelligence colonel in the U. S. Army. She is a former executive director of the Mississippi ACLU. Riley grew up in a family of seven living by the railroad tracks. Her mother was a maid and her father a truck driver. To come this far, Collins must have drive, strength and intelligence.

The ACLU has been deeply involved in federal lawsuits against Mississippi's state prison

system. Court testimony showed gangs control our prisons in many respects. Collins is far more likely to delve into prison reform than Fitch.

Look for Collins to continue Hood's national AG lawsuits (although Hood has kept Collins at arms length for political purposes.) Like Fitch, Collins doesn't mention abortion as an issue in her campaign even though the AG's office is charged with defending the state legislature's anti-abortion efforts. Apparently, that's a hot button issue neither candidate wants to go near.

The race for state treasurer pits Republican David McRae against Bolton alderman Addie Lee Green. McRae will win this one.

One thing I like about McRae: he's wealthy. As such, I hope he won't be tempted to enrich himself in office. The state treasurer has a lot of influence over how state bonds are issued. This used to be a competitive bidding process but the Republicans have made it more collegial. Let's hope McRae brings more competition back into this billion-dollar process.

Green is a JSU grad and serves on the executive board of the state Democratic Party. She was a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention for Hillary Clinton. A mother of three sons and a grandmother of six, Green has been a solid citizen of Bolton for decades, but her lack of fundraising doesn't bode well for her chances.

Yet another open seat is Secretary of State, with Delbert Hosemann running for lieutenant governor.

This race pits three-term state Republican Sen. Michael Watson of Moss Point on the coast against

former Hattiesburg four-term Democratic Mayor Johnny DuPree.

Watson defeated Public Service Commissioner Sam Britton, a formidable opponent, 53 to 47 in a race marked with attack ads on both sides. DuPree ran for governor on the Democratic ticket against Phil Bryant earning 39 percent of the vote.

This race has been a lovefest with both candidates constantly talking about what a gentlemanly contest it has been, based on issues and not personal controversy.

Watson has a pleasant, aw-shucks, Jimmy Stewart campaign style while DuPree likes to get wound up with big-picture issues and rhetorical elegance. Both pay homage to Delbert Hosemann and plan to keep the Secretary of State's office on the track he mapped out.

DuPree wants to open up online voter registration and make absentee voting easier, pointing out that Mississippi is only one of four states that require an excuse to vote in absentia.

Watson feels like the absentee voting system is easy enough as it is.

Both candidates promise to modernize campaign contribution reporting so they are more easily searchable. Currently candidates are not required to enter contributions reports in a searchable format.

I know journalists are supposed to view politicians as opportunistic skalawags intent on padding their pockets and promoting their careers at all costs.

Sorry about that. Can't do it. Most of the politicians I encounter are decent, hard-working, smart people worthy of high office.



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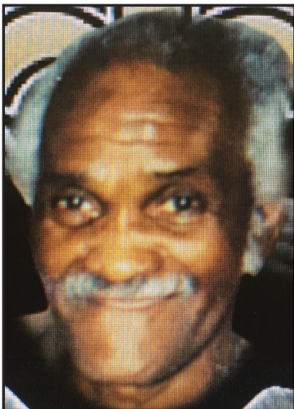
Obituaries

WALLACE HAYNES JR.
EVABELLE "EVE" PRAGUE MCDONALD

WALLACE HAYNES JR.

Funeral service will be held Sat. Nov. 2, 2019 at 12 Noon in First Baptist Church Kiln, MS., Rd. 406 for Mr. Wallace Haynes Jr. age 77, who died Monday Oct. 21, 2019, in his home at 16021 Rd. 433. Rev. Leo Hawkins will officiate at the Service. Burial in the First Kiln Baptist Cemetery under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home. A native of Kiln, MS., he was a cement Finisher and Labor, a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include: companion, of 31 years Evelyn Benton of Kiln, MS., 4 sons Wallace Haynes 111, Gulfport, MS., Chucky Gillum of Bay St. Louis, MS., James Benton of TX., Richard Benton of Petal, MS.,4 daughters: Fallon Gillium,of AL. Theresa Benton ,of Petal, MS., adopted daughter, Sandy Washington of Kiln, Susan Haynes of CA., 4 brothers Loray Haynes, of Gulfport, MS., Lionel Haynes, of Waveland, MS., Troy Haynes and Sherman Haynes both of Bay St. Louis, MS., MS., 5 sisters: Irene

Laneaux, Joan Hargett, Laverne Clementine, and Annie Marie Nelson all of Bay St. Louis, MS., Irma Hawkins of Waveland, MS. a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and relatives and friends. Preceded in death by parents Wallace Sr., and Melvina Haynes , siblings: Charles Razier Gardner, Marion James, Octavia Dunmore, Clara Mae Gardner. Visitation will be Sat. Nov. 2, 2019 from 11 am. until 12 Noon in First Baptist Church, Kiln, MS., under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home.



EVABELLE "EVE" PRAGUE MCDONALD

Evabelle "Eve" Prague McDonald, 92, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Friday, October 25, 2019 in Bay St. Louis, MS. She was an active member of the Main Street United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Bay Waveland Yacht Club Democratic Party, League of Women's Voters, Bridge Club, Stock Market Club, Historical Society and Bay St. Louis Library. She enjoyed reading and card games was her long time hobbies. She was a "doer"- She ran for Supervisor in



the 60's, she was a cub, brownie and girl scout leader, she started the Senior Citizens Center in 1972 and she helped start and run the "Headstart" program just to name a few of her accomplishments.

She was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt who will be sadly missed by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl "C.C" McDonald, Jr.; parents, Sydney W. Prague and Vivian Ducatel Prague and sister, Vivian Ramsay. She is survived by her son, Andre McDonald (Jeanne) of Sugarland, TX; daughter, Wendy Claire McDonald (Henry Winter) of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Beth Smith of Hastings-on-Hudson, NY and Sydney Washam of Houston, TX; five grand-

children, Jessica Bilotta, Amy LaRue, Ryan Rupp, James McDonald and Emily McDonald; nine great-grandchildren, two nieces and three nephews. In lieu of flowers the family prefer donations made in her memory to a local charity of your choice. Visitation will be held Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a service at 3:00 p.m. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

Remains

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given authorities a wallet he had found near the skull. "The wallet was drenched," said Hancock County Coroner Jim Faulk. "It was half dirt and half wallet. It was awful. I slowly opened it and ripped the stitches at the seam where it preserved all of the information. I dried and cleaned off two plastic pieces and a name was on both!" One of the cards happened to be a Sam's Club Card, Faulk said, which was dated back to 2007. "It even had a photo," Faulk said. Officials said the identification cards in the wallet gave investigators a pretty big clue as to who the body may have been. All of the items found also matched those in the description of a man who was reported missing back in May 2008. On May 18, 2008, 86-year-old Ward Buel of Diamondhead was reported missing. Buel suffered from Alzheimer's disease and disappeared from his home one weekend, never

to be seen again. Search-and-rescue teams scoured the neighborhood near Buel's home on Linohau Way at the time. They even went door to door in the residential areas of Diamondhead, handing out fliers. All Terrain Vehicles and cadaver dogs were used to comb fields and wooded areas, even in some areas along Interstate 10, but to no avail. For some time, hope that Buel was alive remained. Officials followed numerous reports from people who had seen men matching his description. Buel's name was entered into a national database for missing persons. As it turns out, Buel lived just a short distance away from where the remains were discovered. About 10 acres of land which include a large, perfectly manicured field, a small farmhouse, and a pond sat just a couple of feet away from where the remains were found. Although the property owner said he had never seen the remains nor could he recall hearing about a man who had gone missing nearby, he did remember an incident that occurred

on his property many years ago, likely around the time Buel had disappeared. The land owner said he noticed an older gentlemen had wandered onto his property, so he asked the man if he needed any help. He said the man mentioned having Alzheimer's disease and said he had gotten lost while taking his daily walk. He said the gentleman explained that he lived just around the corner and that if he could point him in the direction of the main road, he could find his way home. Faulk said he believes it was Buel the man encountered. "If it was Buel, it may have been the last time he was seen alive. He may have just walked over here to take a break and sit in the shade and then died, most likely naturally." On Saturday, Faulk and Deputy Coroner Melissa Taillon returned to the scene to continue their search, hoping to find anything that would help lead to a scientific identification. "I want to find every single bone and fragment that I can possibly find," Faulk said, "but just about everything has disintegrated from being in dirt,

leaves, and weather for so long. I'm hoping we have just one piece that has preserved it's DNA." Adam said the bones are going to be sent off for a DNA analysis to confirm an identity. "We want to make sure it is who we think it is," Adam said.

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Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County receives “I Care for Animals” car tag grant

SEA COAST ECHO

The Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County organization has been awarded a \$3,000 “I Care for Animals” car tag grant from the Mississippi Board of Animal Health. The funds will be used as part of their spay/neuter program. The Friends organization was established in 2001 with a goal of improving the lives of citizens and their animals in Hancock County. They work to reduce the number of unwanted animals by providing free spay/neuter services to pet owners in Hancock County. More information about the Friends organization may be found at friendsoftheanimalshelter.org or on FB – Friends of the Animal Shelter. The “I Care for Animals” Car Tag

Program offers an opportunity for Mississippians to purchase a specialty license plate which benefits animals around the state. The license plates may be purchased at county tax collector's offices. The proceeds from these purchases go into a state animal care fund which is distributed to animal shelters and humane organizations which make application and meet the criteria for award. The “I Care for Animals” Car Tag Program is in its fifteenth year of assisting animal shelters primarily with spay/neuter programs, and also with general projects which benefit homeless animals. Cities, counties and nonprofit animal organizations which are interested in applying for “I Care for Animals” grant money can find more information at www.mbah.ms.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE GARDEN ISLE VOTING PRECINCT

Effective for the General Election on Nov. 5, 2019, per the Resolution of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors on Aug. 12, 2019, the Garden Isle voting precinct location has been changed. It will now be located at the Compton Engineering Building at 3036 Longfellow Road, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020 HANCOCK COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

	2019-2020
Description	Proposed Budget
Revenues/Fees	
City of Bay St. Louis	
Bulky Waste	\$ 59,356.00
Collection	\$ 491,576.00
Dumpster	\$ 15,000.00
Rubbish Landfill Overage	\$ -
Total Bay St Louis	\$ 565,932.00
City of Diamondhead	
Bulky Waste	\$ 34,500.00
Cart Rental	\$ 46,200.00
Collection	\$ 397,425.00
Curbside Recycling	\$ 147,665.00
Total City of Diamondhead	\$ 625,790.00
City of Waveland	
Bulky Waste	\$ 34,000.00
Collection	\$ 279,800.00
Dumpster	\$ 1,070.00
Rubbish Landfill Overage	\$ -
Total City of Waveland	\$ 314,870.00
Hancock County	
Bulky Waste	\$ 69,700.00
Cart Rental	\$ 90,250.00
Collection	\$ 701,400.00
Dumpster	\$ 42,000.00
Emergency Rolloffs	\$ 4,200.00
Rubbish Landfill Overage	\$ -
Total Hancock County	\$ 907,550.00
Interest	\$ 2,200.00
Grant (SW Officer)	\$ 22,500.00
Grant (Public Notice Outreach)	\$6,000.00
Millage	\$1,115,393.00
Total Income	\$ 3,560,235.00
Expenditures	
Adminrator (Mill)	\$ 20,400.00
Advertising/Legals (Mill)	\$ 300.00
Attorney/Legal (Mill)	\$ 27,000.00
Audit (Mill)	\$ 8,500.00
Bookkeeping (Mill)	\$ 2,000.00
Curbside Recycling	\$ 147,665.00
Directors Compensation (Mill)	\$ 5,000.00
Dumpsters/Roll Off /Emerg. Rolloffs	\$ 62,270.00
Engineer (Mill)	\$ 15,000.00
Gar.Collection/Bulky Waste/Carts (WM)	\$ 2,300,000.00
Garbage Disposal (WM) (Mill)	\$ 564,000.00
Insurance (Mill)	\$ 18,000.00
Miscellaneous (Mill)	\$ 300.00
Plan Amendments (Expense)	\$ 50,600.00
Recycling Dumpsters (Mill)	\$ 124,000.00
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OLA Crescents rise over St. Andrews 3-0 for 8th state title in a row, 14th overall



Photo by Keith Warren of MHSAA

The Our Lady Academy Crescents with their gold medals, gold ball and state championship banner following the 2019 Class I state title game. The win marked the eighth consecutive and 14th overall state volleyball championship for the Crescents.

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

There are some things that just seem right as rain. The change of the seasons, the leaves falling in autumn, and OLA volleyball bringing home another gold ball at the end of October.

Tradition is defined as a custom that is repeated over and over until it becomes synonymous with an event.

This past Saturday, the Crescents made the trip to the Newell-Grissom Building on the campus of Mississippi State University and came away with a 3-0 sweep of the Lady Saints of St. Andrews for their eighth consecutive Class I state championship and 14th overall title in the sport.

OLA head coach Mike Meyers, who has coached

every title team, commented, "I am very excited for this team because this is their first title experience. This is a great group of girls with wonderful chemistry. I am very proud for the girls, the OLA school community, and the volleyball community for the 14th overall state title."

The Crescents arrived in Starkville on Wednesday evening and disposed of Belmont in short order on Thursday 3-0 which set the stage for the finals against St. Andrew's who beat Alcorn Central to advance to the finals.

The Crescents (37-5) swept the Lady Saints 25-21, 25-21, and 25-14.

OLA battled with the Lady Saints in the first set along with unforced errors that allowed St. Andrews to remain in contention until OLA was able to secure the win.

In the second set with

the score tied, OLA got a break when the Lady Saints put a ball into the net by Madison Jones to go up 12-11.

After consecutive double-digit calls, Rebecca Walk went up high and sent a ball crashing down with a windmill that used every bit of her 6'2" frame to give OLA a 15-12 advantage that they would not surrender.

In the third set, the match moved more to a typical OLA groove which called for OLA to get the ball to the nation's leading hitter in the middle, Rebecca Walk.

She opened the third game with a kill, followed that up with consecutive blocks to push the score to 7-1 before the Crescents put the match in cruise control en route to the 25-14 decision and the sweep.

Walk was on a mission in her fifth state title appearance. In the match, Walk tallied 27 kills, four blocks, 15 digs and four points.

Walk, a South Alabama commit who will sign in November with the Lady Jaguars, stated, "This season was stressful at times but it was always a lot of fun. There is an expectation of OLA volleyball and we did not want to be the ones who fell short of that expectation. Our key to winning was each time one of us fell short, the rest of the team was there to pick that person up. We strived to have a positive outlook

throughout the season."

Walk finished her season season as the nation's leader in kills with 883 (70.9%) and hitting percentage with 66%.

In 2019, Walk recorded 883 kills, 150 blocks, 379 digs, 121 points and 63 aces. For her career, she tallied 2,351 kills and 338 blocks and a career hitting percentage of 60%.

Walk ended, "We are all sad to see the season end but it has been a tremendous amount of fun. Our coaches and school community have taught us lessons on the court and off of it. These are the lessons that we will take into life when we leave. We are better because of everyone who has been involved."

In the state title game, Walk was aided by Ashley Bulot who recorded 17 points, three aces, two kills, 23 assists and six digs while Camille Cottone added four points, nine kills, a block and 13 digs.

Kate Montjoy tallied seven points, two kills and five digs while Kate Funk had five points, 11 assists and five digs. Chloe Cornell chipped in two kills, a block and seven digs and Alma Hearin added three points and seven digs. Faith Anderson had two blocks and four digs and Grace Koons had three digs.

The Crescents lost just once during regular season play and that was to Vancleave on October 3rd. The Crescents beat the

three-time defending Class 4A state champion Lady Bulldogs on August 29th on the road. The other four losses came in tournament play including Class 6A Clinton, Class 6A Hancock, and twice to St. Paul's Episcopal of Mobile.

Meyers added, "I want to thank Coach Rick Rechtien and Coach Steve Reboul for all their hard work and coaching this year. My daughter, Emily, who is my boss at OLA and her hard work making sure everything ran smoothly and we had what we needed to be successful. And, our parents, family, friends and supporters who have been with us throughout the season supporting us

and helping keep us on track. People ask all the time if it ever gets old. I am as excited for this championship as I was for the first."

OLA volleyball has become the standard bearer for the sport in Mississippi. The Crescents have won 20 consecutive division titles and have played in 17 state finals (2001-03, 2006-19). During that time, the program has claimed 14 state titles (2002-03, 2006-09, 2012-19) including the last eight, consecutively. The school closest to that number is Southaven with five state titles (1996, 2000, 2006, 2008, 2013).



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Rocks & Pirates to play for home field in 1st round while Bay is playing for playoff spot, Hancock falls in OT

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws was the only area gridiron squad to post a win last week as Bay High was idle and the Hawks and Pirates both fell in heart-breaking fashion.

The Rocks (6-3, 2-1) buried the Vancleave Bulldogs 49-7 on Thursday evening in a crucial division game that was moved up to avoid severe weather that threatened the area on Friday.

The game was important to both squads in their hope for a postseason berth. The Rocks have secured no less than a #3-seed in the playoffs while the loss put Vancleave in a must-win situation this weekend.

The Rocks' air-mailed the Bulldogs to the must-win situation behind the arm of Max Favre who shredded the Bulldogs for 241 yards and six touchdowns on 11-for-19 passing. Dallas Payne caught three touchdowns on his four catches for 76 yards night. Bradley Darby added two receptions for 68 yards and a touchdown. Lee Negrotto and Davien LaGarde caught the other two scoring aerials.

On defense, the Rocks were paced by Alex Fabra who had 13 tackles followed by Blake Bilich with 10 stops. Grant Sides picked off two passes returning one 82 yards for a touchdown.

For the year, Favre has thrown for 2,515 yards and 33 touchdowns while Payne has caught 69 passes for 1,115 yards and 17 touchdowns. Darby checks in with 46 receptions for 731 yards and eight touchdowns.

On defense, the Rocks are paced by Trustin Northington with 77 tackles and three interceptions followed by Bilich with 66 stops.

This week the Rocks will make the short trip across the bridge for their annual tilt against the upstart Pirates of Pass

Christian.

Last week the Pirates (6-3, 2-1) were upended by the Moss Point Tigers 31-28 on a field goal with less than five seconds remaining.

Pass Christian was led by Dustin Allison who threw for 354 yards and four touchdowns in the loss. Andrew Moffett caught nine passes for 224 yards and two touchdowns which pushed his totals to 40 catches for 945 yards and nine touchdowns. Kameron White caught five passes for 78 yards and a touchdown against the Tigers and now has 39 receptions for 832 yards and eight touchdowns.

Allison has thrown for 2,558 yards and 29 touchdowns. Huu Nguyen caught Allison's last touchdown in the Moss Point game.

The game between Pass Christian and St. Stanislaus is a winner-take-all for the #2-seed from Division 8-4A with home field advantage in the first round while the loser drops to third place and will travel in the

first round.

It will be a match between two high-octane passing games while the Pirates get the edge in the rushing game. Last year SSC won 24-7 and leads the series 23-16-2. Pass Christian last beat SSC in 2017 30-7.

Moss Point has won the Division 8-4A title and will sit idle this week.

The Bay High Tigers (5-3, 0-3) will return to the gridiron after a week's rest and will travel to Vancleave to take on the Bulldogs in a bid for the postseason. The loser will see their season end.

The Tigers are led by Noah Cutter who has rushed for 951 yards and 13 touchdowns on 126 carries. Sam Sheppard has added 796 yards rushing and nine scores in the Tigers' run-heavy offense.

Cutter is 49 yards shy of becoming the Tigers' first 1,000-yard rusher in recent memory.

Bay High stumbled against Vancleave in 2018 24-7 but leads the series 18-16. Bay High's last win

over Vancleave came in 2015 when the Tigers won 31-27.

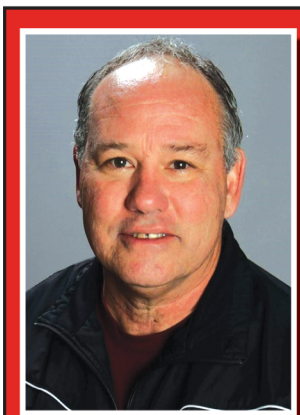
The Hancock Hawks (3-6, 0-3) fell short in their bid for a road win against Harrison Central 20-14 in overtime last week.

Sema'j Robertson scored on a 35-yard run and Sebastian Fausett scored on a seven yard run in the second half to push the game to extra frames.

This week the Hawks host Biloxi for Senior Night. Fausett should go over 1,000 yards rushing as he currently has 901 yards on the ground and Robertson could go over 1,000 yards passing as he sits with 935 yards.

Hancock beat Biloxi 21-14 last year but trail in the series 6-13.

Kickoffs are set for 7 p.m. See you at the game!



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FRIDAY

- Football: Bay High at Vancleave, 7 p.m.
- Football: Hancock vs Biloxi, 7 p.m. (Senior Night)
- Football: Pass Christian vs St. Stanislaus, 7 p.m. (Senior Night)

SATURDAY

- Basketball: St. Stanislaus at Gulfport (Classic Game), TBD
- Basketball: Pass Christian at Gulfport (Classic Game), TBD
- Soccer: Pass Christian vs Hancock (Classic Game), TBD
- Soccer: Bay High Lady Tigers at Gulfport (Classic Game), TBD

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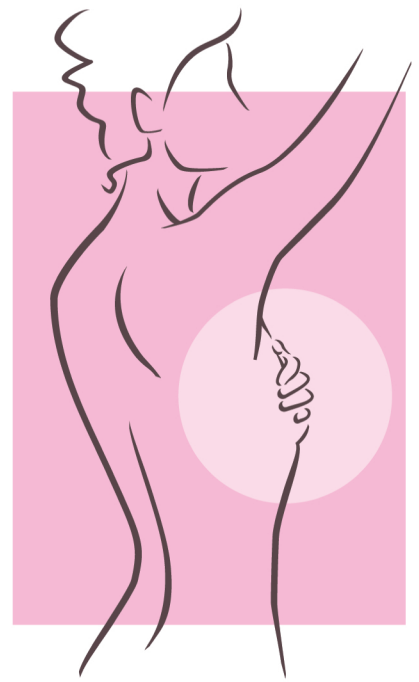
It is estimated that nearly 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and that more than 40,000 of these women will die. Breast cancer is a threat to women of all ages, races and walks of life. Even men are at risk for breast cancer, with approximately 1,700 men diagnosed each year. These numbers remind us why it is so important to know the signs, symptoms and risk factors of breast cancer.

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Governor's Election at Pass Christian Middle School



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Last week, at Pass Christian Middle School, Mrs. Charlene Stephens and her classes "Promoted the Vote" by simulating a real gubernatorial election. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at PCMS completed an application for a voter registration card. Once students arrived to their "voting precinct," they presented their card to workers who checked off names and had the students sign in. Next, students cast their votes for the next governor of Mississippi. Thank you, Mrs. Stephens, for all you did to make this a wonderful and relevant learning experience for our students!

CASA of Hancock County swears in new members



Photo courtesy of CASA

This group of 13 community members completed the National CASA curriculum which consists of 30 hours of coursework along with court observation and a thorough screening process. They were sworn in by The Honorable S. Trent Favre on Tuesday, October 1st at the Leo Seal Community Center in Waveland. From seated left, Marion Bowman, George Riviere, Tracy Bankston, Felicia Lynch, Nicole Samayoa, & Barbara Gibbons. From standing left, Judge Favre, Linda Salaun, Denise Plouffe, Samantha Phillips, Kim Reilly, Loni Edgar, Marilene Taylor and Ted Chase.

The Krewe of Diamondhead holds Annual 2019 Country Western party



Photos courtesy of the Krewe of Diamondhead

Western revelers were greet to the Emerald Ballroom at the Diamondhead Country Club October 19, 2019. All sorts of cowboys, sheriffs and cowgirls were entertained by RedLine band. Prizes were awarded for best dancing, with the band judging. June Curtin won as a single dancer with a mystery partner. Lou and LouAnn Cox received the couples award, having danced almost every dance. A country western plated meal was enjoyed with brisket and sides, and of course, apple crumble a la mode for dessert. The current court and the court elect were all in attendance. New members enjoyed a fun filled relaxing evening. Above, June Curtin, dance single winner. Middle, Lou and LouAnn Cox, couple dance winner. Bottom, Krewe President L. M. Rice and Krewe Captain Sandy Hatem.

City of Waveland seeking veteran participation for Veteran's Day parade on November 10

BY CASSANDRA FAYRE
STAFF WRITER

The city of Waveland is hosting a Veteran's Day Parade and is seeking participation from local veterans.

Parade coordinator Kristen Tusa said the event is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. on Coleman Avenue.

"For many years, brave men and women have served our country, making many sacrifices to protect our freedoms, and we want to honor and celebrate these men and women for their service and sacrifices," Tusa said. "The reason the parade is on a Sunday is that we want all youth members of our community to have an

opportunity to not only participate or attend the parade but to learn civic pride. Our hope is that they will be members of the community who will carry on this tradition."

Tusa said that veterans can choose to walk or ride in the parade.

The parade will begin at Waveland's Public Library and end at the Veteran's Memorial, she said. The goal is also to host a brief ceremony to honor veterans, she added.

Tusa asks that veterans complete a parade entry form — which can be found at www.seacoastecho.com or by contacting Tusa at kristentusa@gmail.com.

The deadline to participate is Nov. 1.

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Thursday, November 7 9am Charter Bank 2702 Bienville Blvd, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Friday, November 8 10:30am Hancock Senior Center 601 Bookter St, Bay St Louis, MS 39520
Tuesday, November 12 10:30am Pascagoula Senior Center 1912 Live Oak Ave, Pascagoula, MS 39568
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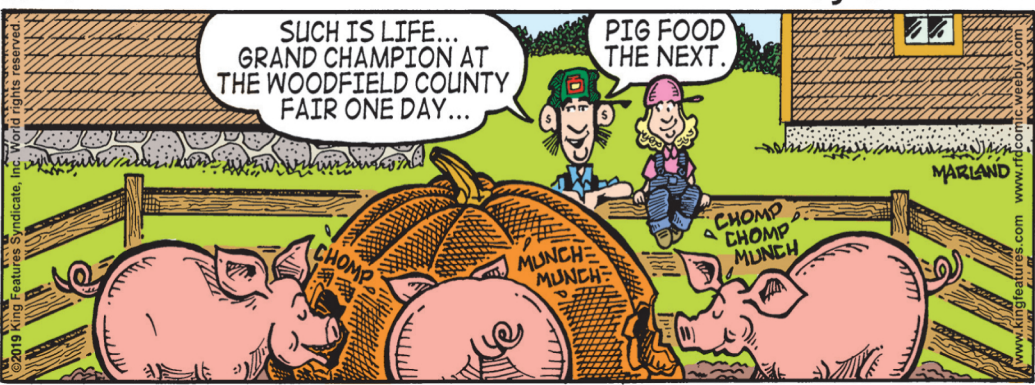
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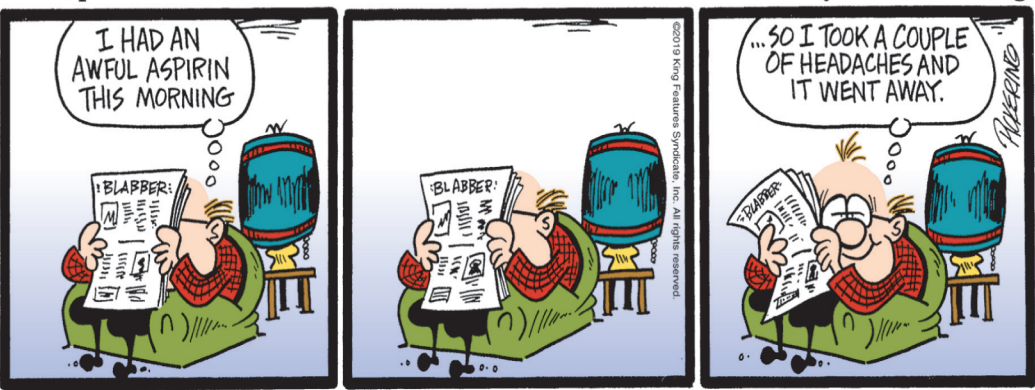
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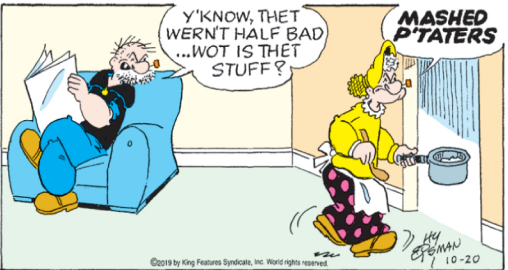
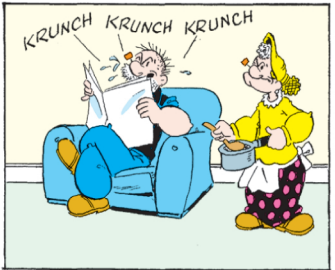
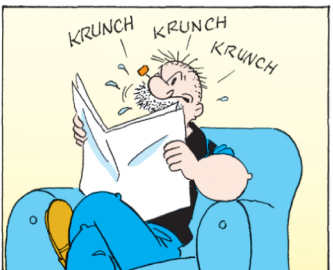
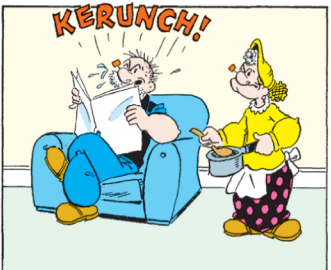
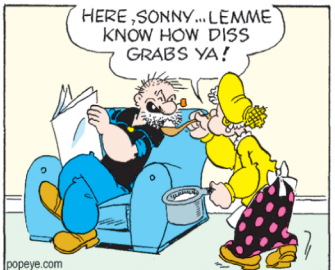
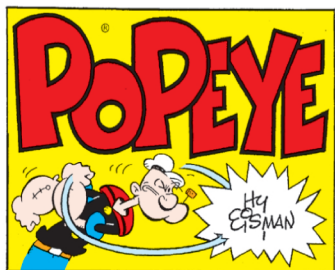


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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Figure
CONKER _ _ _ _ _
Smirk
PRIMES _ _ _ _ _
Brief
ESTER _ _ _ _ _
Strong
OLDIS _ _ _ _ _

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Birth-related
- 6 Sphere
- 9 "Great!"
- 12 React to rev-eille
- 13 Spelling contest
- 14 " — not choose to run"
- 15 Bottled spirit?
- 16 Madison Avenue music
- 18 Eden, for one
- 20 Agts.
- 21 Crony
- 23 Moment
- 24 Nuts
- 25 The same, in bibliographies
- 27 Primly self-restrained
- 29 Hide and —
- 31 Fails to
- 35 Buckwheat porridge
- 37 Catastrophic
- 38 Wit
- 41 Lubricant
- 43 Tandoor-baked bread
- 44 Hibernia
- 45 In the course of
- 47 Rubs elbows
- 49 Lightweight wood
- 52 Light touch
- 53 Lemieux milieu

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- 55 Bashful
- 56 Forerunner of Windows
- 57 Endures
- 8 Stein or Stiller
- 9 — mignon
- 10 Skilled
- 11 Domineering
- 17 Marked a report card
- 19 Classroom array
- 21 Glutton
- 22 Big bother
- 24 Life story, for short
- 26 Vietnam river
- 28 Legendary firefighter Red
- 30 Listener
- 32 \$1 bills
- 33 2nd Amdt. proponents
- 34 X rating?
- 36 "Monopoly" buys
- 38 Jute fibers
- 39 Dickens' Mr. Heep
- 40 Like some mouthwashes and tooth-pastes
- 42 Written slander
- 45 Art —
- 46 California wine valley
- 48 Cover
- 50 Prepared
- 51 Balaam's carrier

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

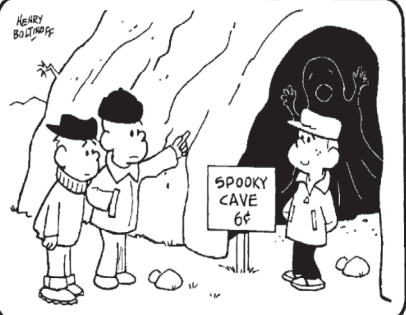
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Boy's slacks are black. 3. Ghost is added. 4. Boy is pointing. 5. Stocking hat has been added. 6. Rocks are added in cave.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: L equals O

QXBAO Z QQMV "QZM'B BRQB
Q KRQDA," LBRAOK KBQOBAF
KZMVZMV ZB BLL. ZB'K BRA
XQBK FLDZML AXXAWB.

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LIPSTICK

Today's Word

- 1. Reckon; 2. Simper; 3. Terse; 4. Solid

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: What was the name of the estate in the TV show "Dark Shadows"?
- 2. MOVIES: What sport was featured in the movie "The Natural"?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest freshwater lake in Africa?
- 4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What type of clothing did President Dwight Eisenhower popularize?
- 5. ANATOMY: What sense does the olfactory nerve affect?
- 6. GAMES: In what year did the Frisbee debut as a flying toy?
- 7. HISTORY: Which country did the Soviet Union invade in 1979?
- 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When is the next Leap Year?
- 9. MUSIC: Which famous singer was nicknamed the "Godfather of Soul"?
- 10. MEDICAL: What is the other name of the vitamin riboflavin?

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Trivia Test Answers

- 1. Collinwood
- 2. Baseball
- 3. Lake Victoria
- 4. A waist-length jacket
- 5. Sense of smell
- 6. 1957
- 7. Afghanistan
- 8. 2020
- 9. James Brown
- 10. B2

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Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

After I sang "Ain't That a Shame," others started singing it too. It's the Fats Domino effect.

Lycoris bring unexpected beauty to fall landscapes

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I love the autumn season because we're starting to recover from Mississippi's hot and humid summer with cooler weather. Not only do gardeners appreciate the season change, but so do many of our landscape plants.

Fall heralds the appearance of one of the most fascinating flowering plants we can enjoy in our landscapes and gardens. Of course, I'm referring to Lycoris. You recognize them as those flowers that seem to pop up out nowhere.

Now, I realize that most gardeners don't call this plant by its botanical name. Most of the common names for Lycoris rely on the fact that this plant has a unique way of growing. In the early spring, strap-like foliage appears and looks very much like daffodil foliage, but without any flowering. It disappears after a few weeks.

Then, in the fall, tall flower stalks seem to magically appear and surprise many folks. This gives rise to some of the popular, common names for Lycoris: surprise or resurrection lilies.

Another name more commonly used in the coastal region is hurricane lily. This name is from the fact that they bloom during hurricane season, not because they are storm predictors.

But that brings me to this plant's most fun name. Botanically, when a plant blooms without any leaves, the flowers are referred to as being naked. So, you may have called Lycoris "naked ladies," or as some horticultural aficionados say, "nekkid" ladies.

Lycoris flowers are very fine-textured and delicate. Their exotic and spidery look leads to yet another common name: spider lilies. They remind me of the spidery flowers of our spring-blooming native azaleas.

In Mississippi, we primarily see the red Lycoris radiata, which is a long-lived heirloom and a popular pass-along plant with gardeners. There are also beautiful yellow selections and even a white variety.

There are many other Lycoris species, but most need a colder winter than we typically have in Mississippi.

Plant Lycoris bulbs in the fall. Some independent garden centers will have the bulbs for sale, but if you have friends with Lycoris growing in their landscapes, ask if you can dig up a few to take home. Most gardeners will be willing to share this wonderful plant.

Plant in the full sun. Since Lycoris has such a unique growth habit, be careful to choose a site where the emerging flow-

ers won't get trampled or cut with the lawn mower. Whatever you call Lycoris, this is one plant everyone should have at least a couple of in their landscape. They're easy to care for.

Proof of this is the fact that they are commonly seen growing completely unattended at old home sites long after the house is gone.



Photo by MSU Extension/Jonah Holland
Most gardeners don't call Lycoris by their scientific name, but by a variety of common names including spider lilies, surprise lilies and naked ladies.

Auditions for Scenic Drive by Trey Fayard at Pass Christian Theatre Project

SEA COAST ECHO

Auditions for the Pass Christian Theatre Project's production of SCENIC DRIVE are scheduled for Sunday, November 10 at 1:00 and Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 at the Randolph Center, 315 Clark Avenue in Pass Christian. Actors will be asked to do cold readings from the play script. The show will run January 23rd through January 26th. For more information contact Will Koolsbergen at passtheatre@aol.com.

SCENIC DRIVE is a comedy procedural (think I Love Lucy + Law and Order) by local playwright Trey Fayard. The cast of 7 (3 women and 4 men) range in ages from 20s to 60s and include a larger than life actress of some local fame, her less than gifted playwright husband,, their very estranged daughter, a wily housekeeper, a less than wily chauffeur, a crooked Louisiana politician and his angelic/demonic adopted son. The play is a classic comedy/murder/mystery with some very local twists.

Pirate Tee Party Putt Putt Tournament Set for November 9th

SEA COAST ECHO

On Saturday, November 9th, businesses in Old Town Bay St. Louis will welcome putt-putt golf enthusiast of all ages, and fun-lovers in general, for the 5th Annual Seahorse Open Pirate Tee Party. The annual tournament coincides with Second Saturday events, with music and specials with local merchants, and costumes are encouraged.

This mini-golf event is an annual fundraiser for the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse, a volunteer organization that supports economic development in downtown Bay St. Louis. The event cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, ages 10 and under.

Golfers should check-in at the corner of Beach Blvd and Court Street to pickup scorecards, rules and putters at 4pm. Prizes will be awarded to the top putters in men's, women's and children's divisions. All participants with an eligible scorecard will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket. Hancock Whitney Bank is sponsoring the participants goody bags, which will include discounts from local restaurants and merchants.

Fifty percent of the proceeds from the entry fees as well as hole sponsorships will be donated to Brenda's House Family Center. Brenda's House is

a local non-profit and has been chosen for a new mission, the first of it's kind and a model for other states to follow. The organization provides a home setting for family time, supervised visits and community-supported meals. Funds raised from this event will be used for renovations to the facility.

Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will present the check to Lisa Wilbourn, Shelter Director of Brenda's House, at the Krewe's meeting on November 14h. Last year, Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse was able to donate \$1620 to Brenda's House through sponsorships and participation in the Seahorse Open event.

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Wednesday	Monday 5 p.m.

It is unlawful to directly or indirectly advertise or in any other manner indicate or publicize that the patronage or employment of persons of any particular race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, or disability are unwelcome, objectionable, not acceptable, or not solicited. We will not knowingly accept any employment advertisement which is in violation of the law.

056 Services Offered

NOW AVAILABLE: FILL DIRT, top soil, sand, gravel, mason sand, limestone, crushed concrete. Call 228-493-3358.

WE CLEAN IT ALL! We do pressure washing, painting, steam clean carpets, house cleaning, car/boat detailing and tree trimming. Call B&S Services, 228-364-2536, 228-671-6577.

058 Lawn & Garden

ALL-CARE LAWN SERVICE. Grass cutting and weed eating. Free estimates. 228-493-0268. If no answer please leave message.

073 Help Wanted

RESUMES ARE BEING ACCEPTED for the position of Fire Commissioner, whose primary function is the financial oversight of the Fire Department. The Board meets monthly, and Commissioners receive a \$40.00 per-meeting stipend. The applicant must be a resident of, and a property owner within Diamondhead. Resumes will be accepted until Friday November 15th, and can be dropped off or sent to the Diamondhead Fire Protection District office, 4440 Kalani Drive, Diamondhead, MS 39525. Resumes should be sealed, and the enveloped marked "ATTENTION FIRE CHIEF".

CAREGIVER FOR NIGHTS in Diamondhead. Must have references. 228-365-4721

081 Appliances

SERVICE CALLS ON MOST major home appliances. Over 25 years experience. Call Benny 228-216-1958.

083 Items For Sale

FURNITURE FOR SALE: Sofa table, \$100; La-z-boy wingback recliner, \$100. Call 228-467-2746.

WOOD PALLETS FOR SALE, \$5/each, hard plastic \$10/each. Pickup at Sea Coast Echo, 124 Court St, BSL.

093 Yard Sale

7722 LAIE PL, DIAMONDHEAD, Sat. 11/2, 8:00-3:00. Decorations, clothes, dining room table, furniture, much more. No early birds!

104 FRANCISCO COURT, BSL, Sat, 11/2, 10:00-3:00.

096 Wanted To Buy

WE BUY OLD GOLD, SILVER and coins, Bay Jewelers, 228-466-0425.

136 Automobiles

Notice of Abandoned Vehicles
The following vehicles will be sold on **November 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** 30 days after the first publication.

2008 CHEVROLET IMPALA
VIN# 2G1WT55N989276562

2012 KIA FSX
VIN# KNAFV6A30C5532373

UNLIMITED TOWING & COLLISION CENTER LLC
16108 RD 509, PO BOX 716
KILN, MS 39556
(228) 586-5465

10/23; 10/30/19

143 Real Estate Services

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children.

147 Apartments For Rent

FURNISHED 1BR, APARTMENT utilities, cable, wifi paid, washer dryer, smoke/pet free, \$700/mo, 228-255-8485, leave message.

OLD TOWN APARTMENT, 301 Main St, 1/br downstairs, refrigerator, stove, blinds, furnished, smoke/pet free. \$600/month, \$600/dep. Call 228-255-4398.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

FOR RENT: LONG BEACH, nice 3/brm, 2/ba, eat-in kitchen, fenced backyard, quiet dead end street. Close to downtown, 228-341-7899.

156 Lots/Acreage

LOT FOR SALE BY OWNER: 100'x138', residential lot on Ulman Ave, close to shopping, schools, playgrounds and historic Old Town BSL. 80K neg. 352-636-0776.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

U-STOR-ALL LLC WILL HOLD A PUBLIC SALE TO ENFORCE A LIEN IMPOSED ON SAID PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED BELOW, PURSUANT TO THE MISSISSIPPI SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY ACT, MISSISSIPPI CODE 85-7-121 TO 85-7-129 AT 10:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY, 11-02-2019 AT U-STOR-ALL LLC 10080 HWY 603, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520. ALL UNITS WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AND THE SALE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW ANY UNIT FOR SALE. FOR INFORMATION CALL 228-467-5552. ALL UNITS ARE UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS. UNITS 12, 16, 18, 26, 10/26; 10/30/19

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the May 19, 2017, Daniel J Spiers and Kendra S Spiers, executed a Deed of Trust to Terry L Caves, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for The First - A National Banking Association, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust May 24, 2017, in Book No. 2017, at Page 11281 thereof; WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in September 27, 2019, in Book No. 2019, at Page 21851 thereof; and WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Wilson & Associates, PLLC, as Trustee thereon, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in October 9, 2019, in Book No. 2019, at Page 22735 thereof; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust to do, notice is hereby given that Wilson & Associates, PLLC f/k/a Adams & Edens, P.A., Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for certified funds paid at the conclusion of the sale, or credit bid from a bank or other lending entity pre-approved by the successor trustee, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the front door of the Court-house, on November 20, 2019, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Lots Two (2) and Three (3), PRICE SUBDIVISION, Fourth Ward, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 2 at Page 56, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description. Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in the aforementioned Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 23rd day of October, 2019.

/s/ Jillian Wilson
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC
Substitute Trustee
PREPARED BY: Wilson & Associates, PLLC
400 West Capitol Avenue Suite 1400
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501)219-9388
File # 342459
10/30; 11/06; 11/13/19

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of September 2019, Hancock County Utility Authority, 401 Gulfside Street, Waveland, MS 39576, filed applications for permits to continue to divert or withdraw the public waters of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use from the Miocene Aquifer, in the county of Hancock, for Public Water System purposes, subject to existing rights, the following amounts of water at the indicated locations: PERMIT# MS-GW-16636 VOLUME: 0.54 MG/D RATE: 1.000 GPM LOCATION: NE, SE, S31, T06S, 14W PERMIT# MS-GW-16662 VOLUME: 0.54 MG/D RATE: 1.000 GPM LOCATION: SE, SE, S27, T08S, R14W PERMIT# MS-GW-16711 VOLUME: 0.54 MG/D RATE: 1.000 GPM LOCATION: NE, SE, S31, T08S, R14W PERMIT# MS-GW-16712 VOLUME: 0.54 MG/D RATE: 1.000 GPM LOCATION: NW, NE, S39, T07S, R14W Any person, firm, association, or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above applications will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said sources, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, ATTN: Chris Hawkins, PO Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said applications should not be approved. Letters of protest must be received within ten (10) days of this publication. If not protested, permits will be issued on or after ten (10) days following publication date. If protested, the applications will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on or after Tuesday, the 12th day of November 2019, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board. OFFICE OF LAND AND WATER RESOURCES Chris Hawkins, P.E. Chief, Permitting, Certification, and Compliance Division 10/30/19

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DANIELLE A. TRAHAN PLAINTIFF VERSUS ROSEMARY DEAGANO; JESSE J. BURNS; EVELYN HUDSON BURNS; or the Heirs-at-Law or Devises thereof; and ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS DEFENDANTS CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:19-cv-622-JP

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: a) ROSEMARY DEAGANO, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; b) JESSE J. BURNS, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; c) EVELYN HUDSON BURNS, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of this state, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; or if dead, the unknown heirs-at-law or devisees of said defendant; and d) ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS having and/or claiming any legal and/or equitable interest in and to the following real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi: Lot 19, Block 1, HICKEY SUBDIVISION, being a subdivision of part of Lots 48, 50, 51, and all of Lot 52, Third Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision dated August 28, 1947, and recorded in Volume H-5, Page 111, deed records of Hancock County, Mississippi. Being further identified as PARCEL NO. 162J-0-10-207.000.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by DANIELLE A. TRAHAN, asserting legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to confirm Plaintiff's title therein.

You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Preston J. Mauffray, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 4272, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521, and whose street address is 519 Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 21st day of October, 2019. (SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Clerk
Hancock County Chancery Court
By: /s/ Cassie Tibble, Deputy Clerk
Preston J. Mauffray (MSB #101131)
Attorney at Law, PLLC
P.O. Box 4272
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521
228-216-6124
10/23; 10/30; 11/06/19

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRAD FITCH, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 18-CV-303-CB

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION HAVING BEEN GRANTED ON THE 10TH DAY OF MAY, 2018, BY THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE UNDERSIGNED UPON THE ESTATE OF BRAD FITCH, DECEASED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE TO PRESENT THE SAME TO THE CLERK OF SAID COURT FOR PROBATE AND REGISTRATION ACCORDING TO LAW, WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THEY SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED. THIS, THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

(KIMBERLY COLLETTI)
ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF BRAD FITCH

PREPARED: CHARLES R. MULLINS (MSB# 9821)
COXWELL & ASSOCIATES, PLLC
POST OFFICE BOX 1337
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39215-1337
601-948-1600
10/30; 11/06; 11/13/19

REQUEST FOR BIDS SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HANCOCK COUNTY: PARCEL NO. 135M-0-39-159-000

Hancock County is requesting bids from persons or entities to purchase from Hancock County the land described as parcel number 135M-0-39-159-000 located on Haiti Street, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. The minimum bid that will be considered is \$15,000.00. Hancock County reserves the right to negotiate the bid amount and terms with the person or entity submitting the bid the Hancock County determines will best promote, serve and protect that public interest. Hancock County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or part, to modify the proposed dates of use, and to waive any irregularities or formalities in bid process. By submitting a bid, the bidding entities or persons waive any right to seek damages related to the bid and acknowledge the County's right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof. All bids should be sealed and properly labeled "Bid for Haiti Street Property." Bids shall be addressed and delivered to Mr. Eddie Favre, County Administrator no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, November 18, 2019. Bids may be mailed or hand-delivered to: Attention: Office of the Hancock County Administrator, 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520. Bids may also be emailed to eddie.favre@hancock.ms.us. Any mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered proposal must actually be received by the County Administrator prior to the deadline above. Bids will be opened at the Board of Supervisor meeting on November 18, 2019 after the deadline. The name and mailing address of the entity or individual submitting the proposal should appear on the face of the envelope. Please submit any questions you have concerning this matter via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the Office of the County Administrator at 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520 or to eddie.favre@co.hancock.ms.us. By: Blaine Lafontaine, Board President 10/23; 10/30; 11/06/19

Request for Proposals Non-Exclusive Lease Access to Hancock County for the Kiln Shelter

Hancock County is requesting proposals from persons or entities for the non-exclusive lease of Hancock County Kiln Shelter for use as a lease or rental for proposed periods of time (e.g., certain days of the week or month). The County asks that interested persons or entities firms submit: 1) a dollar amount bid the use of the Kiln Shelter, with the proposed dates and times of use; 2) any other proposed rental terms and conditions; 3) Manners in which their proposal will benefit Hancock County; and 4) Any other information pertinent to their proposal such as would demonstrate that their bid will best promote, serve and protect the public interest. Hancock County reserves the right to negotiate the bid amount and terms with the person or entity submitting the bid the Hancock County determines will best promote, serve and protect that public interest. Hancock County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in whole or part, to modify the proposed dates of use, and to waive any irregularities or formalities in proposal process. By submitting a proposal, the proposing entities or persons waive any right to seek damages related to their proposal, and acknowledge the County's right to reject any or all proposal, or portions thereof. All proposals should be sealed and properly labeled "Proposal for Non-Exclusive Lease of Kiln Shelter." All persons and entities submitting proposals acknowledge and understand that any use of the Shelter will be subject to any requirements of Hancock County for use of the premises as required by the grant, that Hancock County may at any time alter the use of the premises as needed within the discretion of Hancock County, including stopping the use, and also the shelter may not be used at any time of a disaster or emergency as declared or stated by Hancock County. Proposals shall be addressed and delivered to Mr. Eddie Favre, County Administrator no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, November 18, 2019. RFP's may be mailed or hand-delivered to: Attention: Office of the Hancock County Administrator, 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520. Proposals may also be emailed to eddie.favre@hancock.ms.us. Any mailed, emailed or hand-delivered proposal must actually be received by the County Administrator prior to the November 18, 2019, 10:00 AM deadline. Proposals will be opened at the County Boardroom after that deadline. The name and mailing address of the entity or individual submitting the proposal should appear on the face of the envelope. Please submit any questions you have concerning this matter via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the Office of the County Administrator at 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520 or to eddie.favre@hancock.ms.us. By: Blaine Lafontaine, Board President 10/23; 10/30; 11/06/19

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on or about the 21st day of August 2017, Henry F. Farve II conveyed in trust, for the benefit of Preston Mauffray as trustee on behalf of lender, iFreedom Direct Corporation, with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) nominee for lender and beneficiary, that certain tract of real property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows: Lots 54 and 55, Square 153, BAYSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, Unit 2, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Inducing Instructions: Lots 54 & 55, Square 153, BAYSIDE PARK DD, Un. 2

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust is filed and found among the land records of Hancock County, Mississippi, as instrument 2017-17742; WHEREAS, on June 3, 2019, MERS as nominee for iFreedom Direct Corporation assigned and transferred said Deed of Trust to Wintrust Mortgage, a Division of Barrington Bank and Trust Co., N.A. in an Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded as instrument 2019-17669; and WHEREAS, the undersigned M. REED MARTZ was substituted as Trustee in replacement of Preston Mauffray named in said Deed of Trust (see Substitution of Trustee recorded as instrument 2019-2098); and WHEREAS, the said Beneficiary has requested the Substituted Trustee to foreclose said Deed of Trust; default having been made and declared in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said conveyance in trust, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, M. Reed Martz, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., at the east door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on the 1st day of November 2019, the hereinabove described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi. WITNESS my signature, on this the 3rd day of October 2019.

/s/ M. Reed Martz, Esq. Substituted Trustee
Freeland Martz, PLLC
662-374-1711
10/09; 10/16; 10/23; 10/30/19

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on the 19th day of November, 2010, Willis M Mason aka Willis H Mason, single man, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Dennis F. Hardman, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2010 at Page 24899; and WHEREAS, on the 1st day of February, 2013, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Incorporated, assigned said Deed of Trust unto Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2013 at Page 3127; and WHEREAS, on the 7th day of August, 2019 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2019 at Page 17686; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 20th day of November, 2019, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the north front door of the Hancock County courthouse located at 152 Main Street at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit: The following real property, located in Hancock County, Mississippi, and described as follows: Lot 48, Idlewood Subdivision, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Willis H. Mason and Sally C. Mason took title as husband and wife, tenants by the entirety by deed recorded 08/10/1995 in Book BB124, Page 528. They were continuously married until the date of death of Sally C. Mason on 09/28/2005. Title now vests solely in Willis H. Mason as surviving spouse. Being the same property conveyed from William L. Powell and Debra J. Powell to Willis H. Mason by deed recorded August 10, 1995 in Book BB124 page 528 in the registrar's office of Hancock County. For title reference see deed from William L. Powell and Debra J. Powell recorded August 10, 1995 in Book BB124 page 528. I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 23rd day of October, 2019.

Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee

Morris & Associates
855 S Pear Orchard Rd.
Ste. 404, Bldg. 400
Ridgeland, MS 39157
318-330-9020
adp18-0012
10/30; 11/06; 11/13/19

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2002, Jason S. McArthur and Aimee B. McArthur executed a certain deed of trust to Robert Johnson, Sr., Vice President, Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Whitney National Bank, its successors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 725 at Page 488; and WHEREAS, MidFirst Bank has heretofore substituted Shapiro & Brown, LLC as Trustee by instrument dated October 8, 2019 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 2019 at Page 23273; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, MidFirst Bank, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shapiro & Brown, LLC, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on November 20, 2019 offer for sale at public outcry and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the front door of the County Courthouse at 152 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North Half of Lot 8, Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence North 5 degrees 00 minutes East 307.7 feet to a Point on the South line of Old Spanish Trail; thence Easterly along the aforesaid South line 580 feet to an iron stake set at the Place of Beginning of the property herein described; thence South 5 degrees 00 minutes West 172 feet to an iron stake; thence East 100 feet to an iron stake; thence North 5 degrees 00 minutes East 174.2 feet to an iron stake set on the South line of Old Spanish Trail; thence Westerly along the aforesaid South line 100 feet to the Point of Beginning; containing .37 acres, more or less, and being a part of the North Half of Lot 8, Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this 21st day of October, 2019.

Shapiro & Brown, LLC
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
Shapiro & Brown, LLC
1080 River Oaks Drive, Suite B-202
Flowood, MS 39232
601-981-9299
414 Old Spanish Trail Waveland, MS 39576
19-024934
10/23; 10/30; 11/06; 11/13/19

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD L. PETERS, SR., DECEASED OLLIE PETERS PLAINTIFF

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK CAUSE NUMBER 23CH1:18-cv-00311(CB) RULE 81 SUMMONS-PUBLICATION
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST AS HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD L. PETERS, SR., DECEASED, AND KNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF DONALD L. PETERS, SR., DECEASED: Ollie Peters, 2105 N. Josely Lane, Apt. 207, Carrollton TX 75006; Faith Ball, 260-47 75th Street, Glen Oaks, NY, 11004; Donald Peters, Jr., 616 Highway 90, #342, Waveland, MS 39576; Lester Tony, 36 Toney Lane, Columbia, MS 39429; and Tommy Powell, 530 Easterbrook Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Ollie Peters, Plaintiff, seeking to establish the heirs of law of Donald L. Peters, Sr., Decedent. Defendants other than you in this action are the unknown heirs of Donald L. Peters, Sr., Decedent: Ollie Peters, 2105 N. Josely Lane, Apt. 207, Carrollton TX 75006; Faith Ball, 260-47 75th Street, Glen Oaks, NY, 11004; Donald Peters, Jr., 616 Highway 90, #342, Waveland, MS 39576; Lester Tony, 36 Toney Lane, Columbia, MS 39429; and Tommy Powell, 530 Easterbrook Street, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Petition at 9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 2nd day of December, 2019, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 17th day of October 2019. (SEAL)

TIM KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK
HONORABLE SUZANNE BAKER-STEEL
POST OFFICE BOX 1287
BLOXI, MS 39533
(228)374-8827
10/23; 10/30; 11/06/19

Necaise Selected as MCEF South Area Student of the Month



Photo courtesy of Hancock County School District
Tristan Necaise has been selected as the MCEF (Mississippi Construction Education Foundation) South Area Student of the Month for October 2019. Tristan is a twelfth grade student at the Hancock County Career Technical Center (HCCTC), where he is enrolled in Welding II. He was nominated for this award by his instructor, Mr. Chevis Necaise. Tristan was selected for the award based on his grades, attendance, discipline, achievement, leadership abilities, and post-graduation plans. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Chad Davis, HCCTC Director, Tristan Necaise, and Mr. Chevis Necaise (Welding Instructor).

Spend a day with OLA

SEA COAST ECHO 9 a.m.
Our Lady Academy, the only all girl Catholic school in the State, invites all 5th and 6th grade girls to visit the campus on Thursday, November 7, beginning at 9 a.m. Come meet the faculty and students that make-up OLA! The day will begin with a prayer service followed by exciting activities to include a robotics presentation, hands-on science experiments, crafting sacri-

fice beads, campus tours, and a special performance by the award-winning OLA Dance Team. Lunch will be provided and shared with OLA students. To spend a day at OLA, contact Missy Escher at 228-467-7048, ext. 105.

2020 Leo Seal Innovative Teacher Grant Applications Available Online

SEA COAST ECHO
Outstanding South Mississippi K-12 teachers can apply online at <https://www.mgccf.org/grant-opportunities/for-2020-Leo-W-Seal-Innovative-Teacher-Grants-to-fund-original-classroom-learning-projects-that-complement-lessons-and-align-with-state-educational-objectives>. Applications for 2020 grants are due November 12, 2019. Funded by Hancock Whitney and administered by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation (GCCF), the Seal grants recognize up to 10 outstanding teachers with individual one-time \$2,000 grants to activate creative teaching proposals enhancing students' learning experiences. Certified teachers at public and private schools in the seven Mississippi counties with Hancock Whitney locations—Forrest, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Lamar, and Pearl River—are eligible to apply. To apply, teachers must complete online letters of intent which detail how their proposed projects provide innovative approaches to helping students learn and support state requirements. GCCF will review applications and invite selected teachers to submit full grant proposals in early December.

MDEQ to Host Mississippi Restoration Summit on November 12

SEA COAST ECHO
The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will host the fourth annual Mississippi Restoration Summit on November 12 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center in Biloxi. The public is invited to learn about current restoration projects in Mississippi and hear the announcement of new projects for 2019. The event is open to the public, free of charge, and registration is not required to attend. "The summit will present an overview of MDEQ's restoration efforts explaining where we have been, where we are now, and where we are headed. We will also highlight some of our accomplishments to date, includ-

ing our water quality improvement program, which is projected to make real improvements to the Coast's water quality," said Gary Rikard, MDEQ Executive Director. The Restoration Summit is open to the public from 5:00 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. and will include the 2019 annual public meeting of the Mississippi Trustee Implementation Group (MS TIG). The schedule for the day includes: Presentations from Mississippi universities and natural resources organizations about their work on MDEQ's Sea Grant Education and Outreach project: Connecting Upstream Land Conservation and Restoration to Downstream Systems (5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Open House (5:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.)

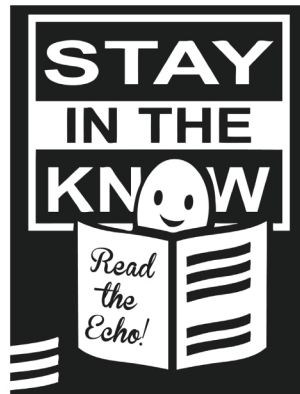
Learn about current and planned restoration activities. Information on new and current projects will be available as well as representatives from various local, state, and federal organizations. Evening Session (6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.) Hear from MDEQ leadership about Mississippi's restoration priorities and the announcement of new projects for 2019. Community Conversations (7:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.) Participate in discussions to inform future project planning. More information and a copy of the agenda can be found at: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/restoration/restoration-summit/>.

Bay Rotary to feed the community, raise money for three different causes during "Ripple in the Bay" on Nov. 1

BY GEOFF BELCHER NEWS EDITOR
The Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis will host "Ripple in the Bay" on Monday, Friday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall on Blaize Ave., feeding the community and raising money for three local organizations. This year's feast -- billed as "One great meal flowing to three great causes" -- will be prepared and donated by the Silver Slipper. "One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit three great causes right here in our community," according to a Rotary Club statement issued this week, "the Hancock County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit,

CASA of Hancock County and King's Kitchen." Last year, Rotarians and other volunteers served more than 1,000 meals, feeding walk-in customers at the Bay St. Louis Community Hall and delivering hundreds of meals to businesses and home-bound people. Many of the meals were considered part of the "Pay It Forward" pool, Rotary President Yuki Northington said, in which donors purchased the meals for someone else, such as first-responders and other charitable organizations. The goal is to provide extra meals to people who often don't get the recognition they deserve and go above and beyond to serve the community; and to those who are sometimes

under-served." This year's menu will include chicken & sausage jambalaya, roll and bread pudding. Tickets are just \$10 each and can be purchased at the door; at facebook.com/Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis; from any member of the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis; or by calling Lisette at 228-304-5593.



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1. Use face paints instead of masks that obscure vision.
2. Wear reflective tape on costumes of dark colors for trick-or-treating at night.
3. LED lights or glow sticks are a safer alternative to lit candles. Some lights even flicker to offer the appeal of candles.
4. Trick-or-treat in a group; never alone.
5. Take a planned route and don't wander off the path.
6. Be sure costumes are not tripping hazards.
7. Costume on young children should be age-appropriate and free of hazards, such as strings that can strangle or small parts that can choke.
8. Stick to trick-or-treating in trusted neighborhoods.
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